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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am pleased to hear that the government has reached a proposed settlement to the Microsoft antitrust case. I hope to see it finalized soon.

Microsoft has agreed to make several adjustments to its products to ensure that competitors can attach their software products to Microsoft Windows. I'm happy because this means that Microsoft will continue to support and enhance Windows! Microsoft has also agreed to allow a neutral committee to monitor their compliance with all aspects of the agreement.

I believe further prolonging of litigation concerning this case can only serve to harm the consumer, the IT industry and the nation's economy. I look forward to a quick and fair settlement. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ed Baran

Cc: Representative J. Dennis Hastert